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Mild Weather Beneficial

August 8 - Temperatures during this past week continued to be unusually mild for August. Scattered showers have helped maintain soil moisture supplies. Respondents report that row crops are doing well this year aided by excellent weather conditions. It is especially wet in the Panhandle for this time of the year. Topsoil moisture was 2 percent surplus, 66 percent adequate, 27 percent short, and 5 percent very short. Subsoil moisture was 2 percent surplus, 70 percent adequate, 20 percent short, and 8 percent very short. Days suitable for field work during the week were 5.7.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-----------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| This Week | 5 | 27 | 66 | 2 |
| Last Week | 7 | 20 | 68 | 5 |
| Last Year | 46 | 35 | 19 | 0 |

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-----------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| This Week | 8 | 20 | 70 | 2 |
| Last Week | 10 | 19 | 67 | 4 |
| Last Year | 32 | 45 | 23 | 0 |

Small Grains: Wheat plowed increased 5 points to 93 percent which is consistent with last year at 94 percent and the five-year average of 93 percent. Seedbed prepared was at 14 percent complete. Oats is at 94 percent plowed with 10 percent seedbed prepared. Rye went up 4 points from last week to 93 percent plowed.

Row Crops: Mild temperatures and light showers this week have helped row crops to progress. The only problems for crops are the need of moisture in isolated areas and foliar disease in some peanuts. Corn was in mostly excellent condition. Sixty-three percent of corn was in the dough stage and 24 percent was mature. Some corn has been harvested in Southern Oklahoma. Sorghum, cotton, peanuts, and soybeans were all in mostly good condition. Sorghum was ahead of last year and the five-year average with 66 percent headed and 25 percent coloring. Soybeans were slightly behind average with 64 percent blooming and 44 percent setting pods. The five-year average for soybeans is 71 percent blooming and 49 percent setting pods. Peanuts setting pods increased 12 points to 84 percent with 2 percent mature. Cotton squaring was at 96 percent with 77 percent setting bolls.

ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending August 8, 2004

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|----------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Corn | 0 | 1 | 10 | 36 | 53 |
| Soybeans | 0 | 2 | 25 | 57 | 16 |
| Peanuts | 0 | 4 | 18 | 66 | 12 |
| Cotton | 2 | 2 | 39 | 50 | 7 |
| Sorghum | 0 | 2 | 12 | 77 | 9 |

Hay: Both other hay and alfalfa are in good to excellent condition with reports of excellent production and good quality. The third cutting of alfalfa is nearing completion with 96 percent cut. The fourth cutting of alfalfa is at 35 percent complete. The first cutting of other hay is now 95 percent cut with the second cutting at 51 percent complete.

HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending August 8, 2004

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-----------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Alfalfa | 0 | 3 | 21 | 56 | 20 |
| Other Hay | 0 | 2 | 25 | 57 | 16 |

Miscellaneous Commodities: There are some reports of foliar disease becoming a problem in watermelons. The harvest of watermelons has slowed down considerably with conditions mostly fair. Peaches and pecans were in good condition. Peaches are reporting a heavy fruit set and pecans reported having an average nut set. There are some concerns about damage to the pecan crop due to increased webworm activity.

Pasture: Pasture conditions were at 26 percent excellent, 47 percent good, 21 percent fair, and only 6 percent poor to very poor. Weather conditions are helping Oklahoma to have green pastures in August!

Livestock: Livestock conditions were 30 percent excellent, 56 percent good, 13 percent fair, and 1 percent poor. Livestock insect activity was mostly moderate. The price for feeder steers and heifers decreased this week. Feeder steers less than 800 pounds dropped \$2.31 to \$120.27 per cwt. The price for feeder heifers less than 800 pounds decreased \$2.33 to \$114.58 per cwt.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending August 8, 2004

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-----------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Livestock | 0 | 1 | 13 | 56 | 30 |
| Pasture & Range | 2 | 4 | 21 | 47 | 26 |

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

| OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Week Ending August 8, 2004 | | | | | | | | | |
| Item | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5 - Yr Avg. | Item | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5 - Yr Avg. |
| Wheat - | | | | | Peanuts - | | | | |
| Plowed | 93 | 88 | 94 | 93 | Setting Pods | 84 | 72 | 79 | 78 |
| Seedbed Prepared | 14 | 10 | 13 | 21 | Mature | 2 | n/a | 1 | 1 |
| Oats - | | | | | Cotton - | | | | |
| Plowed | 94 | 91 | 95 | 94 | Squaring | 96 | 90 | 96 | 95 |
| Seedbed Prepared | 10 | 6 | 12 | 16 | Setting Bolls | 77 | 56 | 65 | 71 |
| Rye - | | | | | Alfalfa - | | | | |
| Plowed | 97 | 93 | n/a | n/a | 3 rd Cutting | 96 | 93 | 94 | 88 |
| Corn - | | | | | 4 th Cutting | 35 | 12 | 20 | 24 |
| Dough | 63 | 56 | 58 | 68 | Other Hay - | | | | |
| Mature | 24 | 22 | 26 | 24 | 1 st Cutting | 95 | 94 | 98 | 98 |
| Sorghum - | | | | | 2 nd Cutting | 51 | 45 | 43 | 48 |
| Headed | 66 | 46 | 57 | 57 | Watermelons - | | | | |
| Coloring | 25 | 19 | 23 | 24 | Harvested | 80 | 79 | 87 | 78 |
| Soybeans - | | | | | | | | | |
| Blooming | 64 | 56 | 71 | 71 | | | | | |
| Setting Pods | 44 | 36 | 49 | 49 | | | | | |

Weather for Week Ending August 8, 2004 - Temperatures ranged from 53 degrees at Wister on Sunday, August 8th, to 105 degrees at Cherokee on Tuesday, August 3rd. Precipitation averaged 0.00 inches in the Southeast district to 0.89 inches in the Panhandle district. Soil temperatures averaged 67 degrees at Washington on Sunday, August 8th, to 92 degrees at Erick on Wednesday, August 4th.

| MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|-----|---------|---------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Week Ending August 8, 2004 | | | | | | | |
| Districts | Temperature | | | Precipitation | | | |
| | High | Low | Average | This Week | March 1, 2004 to August 8, 2004 | | |
| | | | | | Total | Departure from Normal | Percent of Normal |
| | Degrees | | | Inches | | | |
| Panhandle | 88 | 65 | 76 | 0.89 | 13.56 | +0.61 | 105 |
| West Central | 91 | 69 | 79 | 0.51 | 16.41 | - 0.18 | 99 |
| Southwest | 92 | 70 | 80 | 0.33 | 15.44 | - 1.49 | 91 |
| North Central | 90 | 68 | 79 | 0.17 | 17.82 | - 0.24 | 99 |
| Central | 88 | 68 | 78 | 0.30 | 19.18 | - 1.04 | 95 |
| South Central | 89 | 70 | 79 | 0.10 | 20.25 | - 0.50 | 98 |
| Northeast | 87 | 65 | 76 | 0.28 | 25.85 | +4.09 | 119 |
| East Central | 88 | 67 | 77 | 0.03 | 24.55 | +1.66 | 107 |
| Southeast | 90 | 67 | 78 | 0.00 | 22.21 | - 2.10 | 91 |